

Q: Can you please clarify when food is sold through a school store, where do the profits need to go? Some of the items, but not all food items sold are purchased through food service; does the school store absorb all profits? Or is there a distribution/percentage that needs to go to different sources?

A: It is the schools discretion as to who get the profits from the school store. What USDA is concerned about is that if the non-profit school food service account purchases the food for the school store, the school store needs to reimburse the nonprofit school food service account for the food purchased, plus any labor involved. This is spelled out in SP 13-2014.

Q: Our district is thinking about CEP but is worried that they will miss out on Title1 or SAGE money.

A: For the 2014-2015 SY, any school participating in CEP will still be required to distribute and review an alternative household application form in order to get the individual student level data that some programs need. Please note, the distribution, collection and review of these alternative applications cannot be charged to the nonprofit school food service account. DPI is having internal discussions with each of these programs to determine if in the future, there may be a way to avoid needing to do a household income form at all, as CEP is designed to do, but these talks are ongoing.

Q: If our elementary school is only at 53-54% free/reduced, is it even worth the time to fill out the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Application? I have been filling it out for the past 5 years and denied each time.

A: The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program is a competitive grant with limited funds. Districts with a higher percentage of free and reduced do have priority when funds are being allocated. Each year is different as far as how many schools we can fund, it's all depending on the number of schools that apply and the funding available. We would still encourage any school interested to apply.